



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029
January 22, 2010**

Lynne Woodside
Manager Environment and Safety
NGK Metals Corporation
917 US Highway 11 South
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Subject: Ecological Evaluation of Laurel Run

Dear Mrs. Woodside:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received and reviewed the Ecological Evaluation of Laurel Run, Former NGK Metals Facility, Reading, PA provided by Environmental Standards, Inc. dated December 14, 2009. EPA approves the conclusions presented as a result of the investigation.

This evaluation satisfies the requirement to conduct an additional ecological assessment of Laurel Run pursuant to the last bullet of § IV.Z of the Final Administrative Order, U.S. EPA Docket No. RCRA-3-067CA.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 215-814-2796 or bilash.kevin@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Bilash", is written over a horizontal line.

Kevin Bilash, RPM
Land and Chemicals Division

cc: Kathy Zvarick, Environmental Standards, Inc.
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